

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDGEWOOD
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 8, 2008 @ 6:30 P.M.
EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER - #27 E. FRONTAGE ROAD

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Stearley called the meeting to order at 6:30P.M. All Councilors were present. Also present were Ms. Karen Mahalick, Community Planning & Zoning Manager and Ms. Estefanie Muller, Clerk-Treasurer.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Councilor Hill introduced Councilor Randy Crowder from the City of Clovis. Mayor Stearley welcomed Councilor Crowder.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

MOTION: Councilor Hill made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Councilor Felton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Hill voted aye. Councilor Simmons voted aye. The motion carried.

4. BUDGET CHANGES.

Mayor Stearley presented a list of the Budget Changes to include the following:

- Increase to Santa Fe County Fire/EMS Distribution.
- Librarian Position
- Librarian Assistant
- Performance Based Package for current Employees except Police Department
- Software Package
- Software Support
- Code Enforcement Additional Hours.
- Dust Abatement
- MVD Distribution

Ms. Mahalick reviewed the Accounting Software Package comparing the current package to the new one including some of the advantages in printing reports.

Ms. Mahalick fielded questions from the Council regarding the new accounting software.

Mayor Stearley discussed the interview for a new police officer.

Ms. Muller discussed the distribution for the MVD and where the funds come from.

5. BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2008-59.

Mayor Stearley discussed Resolution No. 2008-59 as well as the changes in revenue.

Councilor Simmons discussed the Library Budget, re-occurring expenses and a building for the Road Crew as well as the Library Staff from a previous meeting.

Councilor Felton stated that by not funding the Library it would continue to close at 5:00 P.M. and when it rains or snows it will close also and the volunteers will likely persist for a while. He also stated that the Public Works Building is the priority on the ICIP.

Councilor Hill stated that the appropriate level of budget should be established for each of the items.

Mayor Stearley reminded the Council that the lower bid prices for the Sewer was going to free up some of the funds.

Councilor Hill asked if the loan should not stay the same and use the funds for some of the other projects including a building for the Public Works Department.

Councilor Simmons asked about the performance based raise package and if there was a great need for this at this time.

Ms. Mahalick updated the Council on the current standing for the employees.

Councilor Simmons stated that she would like to take the raise package off the table for the time being.

Mayor Stearley requested a motion to accept all the changes and then go back and amend the motion to remove line items.

Council asked that this be clarified and placed on a later agenda perhaps the second meeting in December.

A. Approval of Library Expenses.

- Rent of Pittman Building.
- Utilities.
- Modification of Pittman Building.
- Shelves & Furnishing of Library.

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2008-59 in the amount of \$135,000.00 for the Library and \$35,000.00 for Library Modifications. Councilor Felton seconded the motion.

Councilor Simmons asked for clarification of the two amounts.

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Councilor Abrams provided clarification.

VOTE: Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye.
Councilor Hill voted aye. Councilor Simmons voted nay.
The motion carried.

6. BUDGET RESOLUTIONS.

MOTION: Councilor Hill made a motion to approve Budget Resolution No. 2008-60 to include:

- Increase is annual revenue to \$2,947,200.00
- Increase Santa Fe County Fire/EMS expenses to \$268,481.00
- Purchase of Software System at \$40,000.00
- Software Service Contract at \$3,851.00
- Additional Code Enforcement at \$11,962.00
- Dust Abatement at \$48,134.00
- Increase Revenue from MVD at \$4,890.00

Councilor Felton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye.
Councilor Hill voted aye. Councilor Simmons voted nay.
The motion carried.

7. SIGN ORDINANCE CHANGES.

Ms. Mahalick reviewed the Sign Ordinance editions and the process.
Mr. Harlan Lawson gave a presentation for the Sign Ordinance.
Ms. Mahalick discussed the implications of building mounted signs.
Councilor Felton stated that this may need to go to another night.
Ms. Mahalick suggested that tonight the Council consider just the multi-tenant kiosk signs
Mr. Lawson stated that the Sign Committee had provided a template.
Mayor Stearley asked for clarification.
Councilor Simmons asked how many businesses had been lost at this point.
A comment from the audience stated that there had been at least 4.
Councilor Felton asked if there should be specific regulation related to multi-tenant signage or should it be handled as comprehensive signage.
Councilor Hill discussed the difference between prescriptive and performance standard.
Ms. Mahalick responded.
Councilor Hill added that there are advantages to having performance standards versus prescriptive standards and then went on to describe the differences and give examples.
Councilor Simmons asked for clarification of the template.

Councilor Hill responded stating that he felt that the task at hand was to provide signs that perform.

Mayor Stearley stated that staff performed the requested task, which was to address multi-tenant and kiosk signs and asked for direction from the Council.

At this time a comment was heard from the audience.

Council entered into discussions of performance versus prescriptive standards.

Mr. Lawson discussed the fact that simplicity is important.

Ms. Mahalick stated that there are not any performance based codes that are simple due to the architectural design standards that have to be included and then went on to explain.

At this time a comment was heard from the audience.

Councilor Hill stated again that what the Town is after are signs that perform.

Mayor Stearley proposed spending thirty to forty minutes at the next Council meeting.

Ms. Mahalick asked for clarification from Council as to their intentions for the signage template.

8. ADJOURN.

MOTION: Councilor Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Stearley adjourned the Meeting at 8:25 P.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of OCTOBER, 2008

Honorable Robert Stearley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Estefanie B. Muller, Clerk-Treasurer